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THANK-U-GRAM

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The Pancake Supper Proceeds will enable the PTA to purchase playground equipment for the Primary School.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a Evel Kenevel sky cycle and a 22 rifle and honda mini trail and a walkie-talkie.

Love,
Ray Moore

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a walke talke and tape recorder and Evel Kenevel cycle and Gost Gun and pivit pool.

Chris Jennings

Enriching County Treasury

H. R. Coffey, left, Appomattox manager of First Colony Telephone Company pays company's county taxes with check for $16,809.59. County Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Bell Campbell accepts payment from county's third largest taxpayer.

The NEW HOPE HOUR
Sun.-11:00 a. m. - WTTX 1280 khc
New Hope Baptist Church, in 24 East, Appomattox, Va.
Rev. Deryl B. Holliday, Pastor

Pastor Speaks

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:23.

These words, recorded in the gospel according to Matthew, were not new. Isaiah, in Chap. 7, verse 14, prophesied and had written these words hundreds of years before Christ was born.

The Jews longed for the presence of God. Expectantly, they looked for the Messiah to set up His majestic earthly and powerful kingdom. Jesus did not come majestically with a spectacular display of power which the Jews expected, but came as a babe in a lowly manger. The Jews had God with them, but rejected Him.

Today, millions of people reject Christ, Jews and Gentiles alike. They refuse to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and wants to take up residence in their hearts as Savior and Lord.

Christmas has become a frantic festive season when most people fail to acknowledge it as the birthday of the King of Kings. Most spell Christmas, Xmas; which, in essence, takes Christ out of Christmas replacing Him with an unknown X.

The time of year has become days of hustle and bustle. Frantically, each of run from store to store in search of that perfect gift and from party to party trying to experience the joy of Christmas. Perhaps we ought to slow down to remember that God came to earth in His Son, Jesus Christ. God is with us. Let us not fail to recognize that life-changing fact. As the familiar song says, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come."

The Psalmist said, "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us." Psalm 46:10-11.

A poem written by Virginia Blanck Moore exhorts us to make this a "Gentle Christmas:

Let this be a gentle Christmas
Free from harried rush,
Reminiscent in its stillness
Of the manger's hush.

Let this be a gentle Christmas
Let me not lose sight
Amid the tinsel and the glitter
Of that first glad Christmas night.

For every man on earth.

Rev. Doyle Chauncey,
Pastor, Liberty Baptist Church

Beckham

DEC. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mrs. E. C. Jennings, Mrs. Cassie Brown, Mrs. Mundy Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Watts Moore and son.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin were Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Debbie and Gwen, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter, Crystal and Karen, Mrs. Herbert Moore and Kim Maxwell. Visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Martin and boys, Mr. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mr. Alvin Reynolds, Mr. Russell Martin and Mr. T. C. Harvey.

Kim Maxwell spent Saturday night with Gwen Moore.

A. C. Michael and Edward spent Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stoner Oglesby, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoner Oglesby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hendrson and Michael and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hillsman visited Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Jerry Sunday.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday Sunday School lesson for Sunday, December 15, 1974.

Topic: Celebrating the Promise

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55; John 1:1,5, 9-18

"He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." Luke 1:49

Every family with children knows the eager expectancy the small child exhibits as Christmas nears. This is the high light of his year, and he can hardly wait until Christmas morning when he will see for the first time the presents he has been expecting.

In much the same attitude of expectancy the devout of Israel awaited the coming of Messiah. The period of prophetic silence had been long. The land was effectively under the control of the Roman overlord, whose soldiers were quartered in the principal cities, whose tax collectors had offices in every town of any consequence. Religion was more ritual than spirit, more conformity to rule than the joyful expression of love for God and fellow man. The times were dark. Those who believed the ancient promise, who looked longingly for the redemption of Israel, felt that the time of fulfillment must be drawing near.

Strange things began happening. Not spectacular events to amaze the multitude, not fearsome portents to alarm the populace, not dramatic developments to be spread by word of mouth - - the news medium of the day. Rather, strange things began happening to individuals. The elderly priest Zechariah, while burning incense in the temple as the people prayed without, received a visit from the arch-angel Gabriel, who told him that a son would be born to him and his wife, although both were old, a son who would be both Nazirite and prophet. All that the assembly of worshippers knew was that when Zechariah came out of the temple, he could not speak. They supposed that he had seen a vision.

Some six months later Gabriel again made a visit, this time to Nazareth, to a young kinswoman of Zechariah's wife, Elizabeth. To Mary Gabriel made the astonishing announcement that she would bear a son, who would be called "holy, the Son of God."

Thus the first indications that the long awaited promise of Messiah was soon to be fulfilled came in intimate, personal revelations to those God had chosen to be the human agents in its fulfillment. So Mary, on her arrival to visit Elizabeth at the latter's home in the hill country of Judea, where the two were spend some three months together as they awaited the births of their promised sons, sang of hymn of thanksgiving and praise to God for choosing her to be the mother of one who will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

Mary's song, which we know as the Magnificat, from the first word in the Latin translation, "Magnificat anim= mea Dominum," recalls Hannah'S HYMN OF PRAISE ON THE BIRTH OF HER SON, Samuel. "My heart exults in the Lord" (I Samuel 2: 1 - 10). Similar thoughts are expressed in the two hymns, and students of this lesson should compare them. This comparison suggests that Mary knew well Hannah's hymn, probably because she was well versed in Scripture. It may well have been that Gabriel's announcement reminded her of Hannah, and she contemplated Hannah's praise and thanksgiving as she reflected on the promise to her.

Three great ancient hymns of the Christian Church had their origins in celebrating the promise of Messiah and Redeemer. All of them have been given Latin names from the first words in the Latin translation, which for centuries was the official version of the Western or Roman Catholic Church: the Magnificat of Mary, the Benedictus of Zechariah, spoken when he was able to speak again after the birth of his son John ("Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel"), Luke 1:68-79; and the Nunc Dimittis of Simeon, this aged man's thanksgiving on seeing the infant Jesus at His presentation in the temple ("Nunc dimittis servum tuum Domine"), Luke 2: 29-32. All express delight and joy in God's visitation of His people, to bring them salvation. God's promise was celebrated in these beautiful hymns of praise and thanksgiving for His salvation.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Pamplin

Visiting in the home and Mrs. Clarence over the past week Mr. and Mrs. Eddie of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. returned home last week attending the wedding Coleman's great ne Chicago, Ill.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rick and Anne of were guest of his mot Roy Lucado and M last week.

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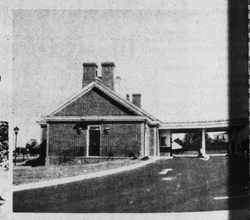

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...PE OF THE WEEK

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...bread crumbs ...melted butter ...crumbs ...thaw broccoli and put ...dish. Slice chicken or ...put place on top of ...Combine soup, mayon- ...lemon juice, and curry ...over chicken. Top with cheese, buttered crumbs and pimento strips. Bake at 250 degrees F for 25 minutes or until thoroughly hot and bubbly.

Hollywood

Everyone enjoyed the wonderful sermon Rev. W. H. Elder brought us on missions Sunday morning at Hollywood.

Women's Missionary Society of Hollywood Church observed the week of prayer program for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering Sunday afternoon at the church. The Acteens of Hollywood joined the society in presenting the program. Everyone enjoyed the program and the social hour afterwards.

We are very sorry to hear Beverley Coleman was in a car accident Friday night. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Coleman. Each of us wish for her a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield and son, Kenneth of Roanoke, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family. The Wingfields got their trailer moved Saturday to their place on Route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam of Farmville are visiting relatives in Appomattox. They and Mrs. W. T. Covington were supper guest Sunday night of Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith.

We are very glad to hear Mrs. Ioan Mayberry of Newport News, is home from the hospital and is improving. We wish for her a speedy recovery. Her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, spent last week with her.

We are so glad Mrs. Monroe Webb is home from the hospital. We pray she may soon be fully recovered.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Oscar Turns of Farmville. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to his loved ones.

We are so glad to hear Mr. Scott Sheets of Route 2, is some better. We pray he may soon be well.

Mrs. Iva Covington and Mrs. Emma Lemon were recent dinner guest of Mrs. Mary Bagby.

We were very sorry to hear of the recent death of Mr. Berkley Ferguson. Deepest sympathy is extended his loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bondurant, Mrs. Francis Brown and son, Tom, of Marietta, Ohio, spent a few days last week in the homes of Mrs. Mary Bagby and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield. These ladies are Mrs. O. Covington who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Bagby and other relatives returned home with them Thursday to Marietta.

A large crowd of friends and relatives attended the funeral and burial of Mrs. F. D. Covington Wednesday.

Mrs. Mae Slough is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Her friends and neighbors pray she may have a speedy recovery.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield and son and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Julia.

The Acteens of Hollywood are meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family Monday night, December 9th.

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